

## PATENT

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Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

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Group Art Unit

: 2815

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: Jose R. Diaz

Title

: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF

CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated April 12, 2001, and herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a three-month extension of time for filing this response from July 12, 2001, to October 12, 2001. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$920, which includes the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

## In the Claims:

Please amend claim 36 as follows:

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(Amended)

A method of forming a semiconductor device, comprising:

depositing a first conductive layer having a surface and having an ability

to associate with oxygen;

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